

## REMARKS

Claims 1 – 15 are in the application. Claims 1 – 15 were previously indicated as being allowed by the Examiner. With the cancellation of Claims 16 – 18, which stand rejected, the case is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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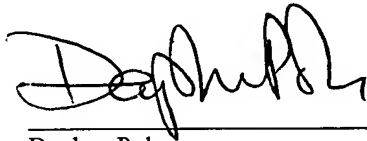
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